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Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior revisions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A filter system comprising:
a channel through which fluid passes;
a source containing a plurality of clean filter media cartridges adjacent the channel; and
a repository for used filter media cartridges adjacent the channel, wherein clean filter media cartridges travel ~~travels~~ from the source through the channel to collect a contaminant, and wherein the filter media cartridges travel ~~travels~~ from the channel to the repository.
2. (Currently Amended) The filter system of claim 1 wherein ~~the filter media is a plurality of filter media cartridges, each of the plurality of cartridges are stored in the source when new and stored in the repository when used.~~
3. (Currently Amended) The filter system of claim 2 ~~wherein the source initially contains the plurality of filter media cartridges and wherein the repository ultimately contains the plurality of filter media cartridges.~~
4. (Original) The filter system of claim 3 wherein a subset of the plurality of filter cartridges is in the channel at any given moment.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)

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7. (Currently Amended) The filter system of claim 1 further including a controller controlling the travel of the filter media cartridges from the source, to the channel and to the repository.
8. (Original) The filter system of claim 7 wherein the travel depends upon time.
9. (Currently Amended) The filter system of claim 7 wherein the travel depends upon a condition of the filter media cartridge in the channel.
10. (Currently Amended) The filter system of claim 9 wherein the travel depends on a level of contaminant in the filter media cartridge.
11. (Currently Amended) The filter system of claim 10 further including at least one pressure sensor for measuring a pressure drop across the filter media cartridge in the channel, the travel based upon the pressure drop.
12. (Original) The filter system of claim 1 further including a dispenser for dispensing a material for treating the contaminant.
13. (Original) The filter system of claim 12 wherein the material includes an anti-microbial agent.

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14. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a filter system including the steps of:

- a) advancing a clean filter media cartridge from a source container storing a plurality of clean filter media cartridges into a channel through which a fluid passes;
- b) collecting contaminants from the fluid in the filter media cartridge in the channel; and
- c) advancing the filter media cartridge with the contaminants from the channel to a repository container adjacent the channel.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said steps a) and c) are performed based upon time.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said steps a) and c) are performed based upon information from at least one sensor.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein said steps a) and c) are performed based upon information from at least one pressure sensor.

18. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said steps a) and c) are performed simultaneously.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 further including the step of: removing the sealed-repository container containing filter media cartridge with contaminants and placing a new, empty sealed repository container adjacent the channel.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 further including the step of dispensing an anti-microbial material into the container to treat the filter media cartridge with contaminants.

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21. (New) The method of claim 14 further including the step of advancing the plurality of filter media cartridges from the channel into the repository container and storing the plurality of filter media cartridges in the container.

22. (New) The method of claim 21 further including the step of removing the repository container containing the plurality of filter media cartridges with contaminants and placing a new, empty, sealed repository container adjacent the channel.